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BOSTON, December 13.

By the ship Statira, Capt. T. Manning, which arrived at Portsmouth on Tuesday last, in 37 days from London, we have received the following late advices:

HAGUE, October 17.

THE Austrian brig the Louis, has been released by Capt. Volbergen, and delivered in the absence of the Captain (who was gone to Antwerp) to the pilot of the said brig, with liberty to reconduct the vessel back to the said port.

The Imperial brig the Louis was furnished with an order from the Emperor, to the following purport, viz.

"On the part of the Emperor and the King.

"The Capt. of the brig the Louis, being "destined to go with his vessel and cargo under "our flag directly from Antwerp along the "Scheldt into the sea, he the said Capt. and his "crew, are by these presents expressly forbid "from submitting to any detention, or any "examination whatever from any of the ships "belonging to the Republic of the Seven United "Provinces which he may meet in the Scheldt. "We likewise forbid the said Captain and crew "from making the least declaration at any of "the Custom houses belonging to the Republic "on that river, or to acknowledge them in any "manner whatever."

LONDON, October 27.

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The public will be astonished to hear, that in the midst of our endeavours to reform the abuses of India, the European inhabitants of Bengal have taken up the idea of reforming themselves. We have been divided in our scheme, but theirs is so harmless as well as so original, that the great men are mighily entertained with the thought—The plan is neither more nor less than to build a Church in Calcutta for the worship of God—and this is an original idea. It is one of the most populous cities in the universe. It is superior to London, or even to Paris, in its debaucheries—They have their play-houses, their gaming houses, masquerades, their assemblies, horse-races, their brothels, and their pleasures of all kinds; but it is now only that they have thought of a Church. We may become fatty confident that this Church will never become like the Black Hole of Calcutta, dangerous from being over crowded.—The subscription to this building is curious.—The highest sum is by a private gentleman, C. Weston, Esq; 5000 Sicca rupees; each of the members of the Supreme Council 1000; and W. Hastings, the Governor General of Bengal, gave towards erecting this House of God, 2000 Sicca rupees, almost two hundred pounds sterling.

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The opening of the navigation of Potowmack is, perhaps, a work of more political than commercial consequence, as it will be one of the grandest chains for preserving the federal union, the western world will have free access to us, and we shall be one and the same people, whatever system of European politics may be adopted. In short, it is a work so big, that the intellectual faculties cannot take it at a view.

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DECEMBER 8.

Extract of a letter from Dominico.

"The dissentions between the Governor and the inhabitants of this island, have arisen to an unhappy crisis. One Assembly is dissolved, and another summoned; yet the same opposition, headed by Lieutenant-Governor Stewart, constantly maintains its ground. Our ports are thin: The Captains complain of the extraordinary charges of them, and the abandoned estates make the island a very melancholy spectacle. Most of the troops from hence are sent up by order of General Matthew to St. Vincent's to suppress the Caribs, who begin to be a formidable enemy, amounting to 1200, and well supplied by the French, who are very vigilent in each island, straining every nerve to keep an interest, in case of another war, which, in the West-Indies, is the constant discourse."

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NAVAL-OFFICE, *Port of Newport, Dec.* 18.

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Sloop Peggy,	R. Lawton,	New-York.

BOSTON, December 13.

By the ship Statira, Capt. T. Manning, which arrived at Portsmouth on Tuesday last, in 37 days from London, we have received the following late advices;

HAGUE, October 17.

THE Auſtrian brig the Louis, has been releaſed by Capt. Volbergen, and delivered in the abſence of the Captain (who was gone to Antwerp) to the pilot of the laid brig, with liberty to reconduct the veſſel back to the ſaid port.

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Mr. BARBER,

Please to give the following Extract a Place in your Paper and you will most probably oblige more than one of your Readers. SANCHONIATHON.

On the peopling of AMERICA.

THE discovery of America, that object of so much avarice and ambition, hath likewise become the object of philosophy. A prodigious number of writers have endeavoured to prove that the Americans are a colony of the antient world.

Some modest metaphysicians have alledged, that the same power which made the grass to grow on the plains of America, might likewise stock the country with inhabitants; but this naked and simple system has not been regarded.

When first the great Columbus gave it as his opinion, that there might possibly be such a new world, it was boldly asserted that it was absolutely impossible, and Columbus was taken for a visionary. When he had actually made the discovery, it was pretended that this new world was known long before.

Some have alledged that one Martin Beheim, a native of Nuremberg, set sail from the coast of Flanders about the year 1460, to go in quest of this unknown world; and that he reached the straits of Magellan, of which he left draughts.—But as Martin Beheim did not people America, and as it was absolutely necessary that one of Noah's great grandsons should take this trouble, they have ransacked the records of antiquity to see if they could find any thing that had the least resemblance to a long voyage, and which they could apply to the discovery of this fourth part of the globe.

Accordingly they have sent the ships of Solomon to Mexico, and have made them bring from thence the gold of Ophir, though he was obliged to borrow it from King Hiram. They have even found America in Plato. They have given the honor of its discovery to the Carthagenians; and have quoted on this subject a book of Aristotle's, which he never wrote.

Hornius pretends to find some analogy between the language of the Hebrews and that of the Caribbees.

Father Lafiteau, the Jesuit, has not failed to improve such a curious hint. The Mexicans in the violence of their grief tear their garments: Some Asiaticks do the same; therefore they are the ancestors of the Mexicans. We may add, with as much reason, the people of Languedoc are fond of dancing; the Hurons likewise dance on their days of rejoicing; and therefore the Languedocians are sprung from the Hurons, or the Hurons from the Languedocians.

The authors of a *terrible* universal history pretend, that all the Americans are a colony of the Tartars. They assure us, that this is the opinion most generally received among the learned; but do not inform us whether it be among the learned who think for themselves. According to them some descendent of Noah had nothing more at heart than to go and fix his quarters in the delicious country of Kamtschatka, to the north of Siberia. His children having nothing to do, went to visit Canada, either by equipping a fleet for the purpose, or by walking on the ice by way of recreation, along some neck of land, which from that time to the present has never been again discovered. They then began to beget children in Canada, and in a very short time that *beautiful* country, being no longer able to maintain the prodigious number of inhabitants, they went to people Mexico, Peru, and Chili, and their great grand daughters were brought to-bed of giants near the straits of Magallan.

As lions are to be found in some of the hotter climates of America, these authors suppose that the Christopher Columbus's of Kamtschatka carried over some lions to Canada for their diversion.

But the Kamtschatkations were not the only people that furnished the new world with inhabitants; they were charitably assisted by the Tartars of Mantchou; by the Huns, the Chinese, and the Japanese.

The Tartars of Mantchou are incontestably the ancestors of the Peruvians; for Mango Capak was the first Inca of Peru, Mango resembles Manco, Manco Mancu, Mancu Mantachu, and from him, by a small addition, we have Mantchou. Nothing can be better demonstrated.

As to the Huns, they built in Hungary a town that was called Cunadi. Now, by changing cu into ca, we have Canadi, from which Canada evidently derives its name.

A plant resembling the Ginseng of the Chinese grows in Canada, therefore the Chinese carried it thither, even before they were masters of that part of Chinese Tartary where their Ginseng is produced; and besides the Chinese are such great sailors, that they formerly sent fleets to America, without preserving the least correspondence with their colonies.

With regard to the Japanese, as they lie nearest to America, from which they are distant only about twelve hundred leagues, they must certainly have been there in former times; but they afterwards neglected that voyage.

Such are the learned tracts that are boldly ushered into the world in the present age. What answer can we give to these systems, and to so many others of the like nature?—None.

FOR BALTIMORE,

The SHIP REVOLUTION,

JOHN CHANNING, Master,

Lying at Mr. Giles's Wharf, will sail in Four or Five Days. For Freight or Passage apply to Capt. George Champlin, or said Master on board.

Newport, Dec. 16, 1784.

Will sail for NORTH-CAROLINA,

On Wednesday next, Wind and Weather permitting,

The SLOOP SALLY,

Now lying at Mr. Ethan Clark's Wharf. Any Person wanting to freight or a Passage, may apply at his Store on said Wharf, or to Capt. Oldham, on board.

Newport, Dec. 18, 1784.

TWENTY DOLLARS Reward

RAN away, from the Subscriber, the 4th inst. a Negro Man, named SIPPEO, Twenty six Years old, about Five Feet Ten Inches high very black Complexion—Had on when he went away, a felt Hat bound a Sheep's grey Great Coat, ditto Coat and Breeches

Whoever will take up said Negro, and return him to the Subscriber, shall be paid the above Reward by LATHAM HULL.

Stonington, December 8, 1784.

ALL Persons having any Demands against the Estate of STUKELY WESTCUTT, late of North-Kingstown, deceased, are desired to bring them in: And all those indebted to said Estate are requested to make immediate Payment, to

MARY WESTCUTT, Administratrix.

North-Kingstown, Dec. 15, 1784.

Just imported in the Washington, Capt. Smith, and to be sold, by

Martin Benson,

WHOLESALE and RETAIL,

At his Store, in Thames-street, No. 269.

BROADCLOTHS,
Forest ditto,
Kerseys,
Frizes,
Flannels,
Knapped Serge,
Shalloons,
Cambleteens,
Tammies,
Durants,
Calimancoes,
Black Russels,
Flower'd ditto,
Flower'd Damask,
Moreens,
Scotch Plaid,
Kilmarnock and other Caps,
Bar Lead,
Powder and Shot,
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Alum,
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Currants,
Spices,
Butt Soles,
Hunting and other Whips,
Bibes Testaments,
Fenning's Spelling Books,
Arithmetick ditto.
Dictionaries,
Art of Speaking,
Childrens Books,
Seaman's Daily Assistant,
Men and Womens Hose,
Ditto Gloves,
Quality,
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Crewe's,
Irish Linen,
Sheetings,
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On the peopling of AMERICA.

THE discovery of America, that object of so much avarice and ambition, hath likewise become the object of philosophy. A prodigious number of writers have endeavoured to prove that the Americans are a colony of the antient world.

Some modest metaphysicians have alledged, that the same power which made the grass to grow on the plains of America, might likewise stock the country with inhabitants; but this naked and simple system has not been regarded.

When first the great Columbus gave it as his opinion, that there might possibly be such a new world, it was boldly asserted that it was absolutely impossible, and Columbus was taken for a visionary. When he had actually made the discovery, it was pretended that this new world was known long before.

Some have alledged that one Martin Beheim, a native of Nuremberg, set sail from the coast of Flanders about the year 1460, to go in quest of this unknown world; and that he reached the straits of Magellan, of which he left draughts.—But as Martin Beheim did not people America, and as it was absolutely necessary that one of Noah's great grandsons should take this trouble, they have ransacked the records of antiquity to see if they could find any thing that had the least resemblance to a long voyage, and which they could apply to the discovery of this fourth part of the globe.

Accordingly they have sent the ships of Solomon to Mexico, and have made them bring from thence the gold of Ophir; though he was obliged to borrow it from King Hiram. They have even found America in Plato. They have given the honor of its discovery to the Carthagenians; and have quoted on this subject a book of Aristotle's, which he never wrote.

Hornius pretends to find some analogy between the language of the Hebrews and that of the Caribbees.

Father Lafiteau, the Jesuit, has not failed to improve such a curious hint. The Mexicans in the violence of their grief tear their garments: Some Asiaticks do the same; therefore they are the ancestors of the Mexicans. We may add, with as much reason, the people of Languedoc are fond of dancing; the Hurons likewise dance on their days of rejoicing; and therefore the Languedocians are sprung from the Hurons, or the Hurons from the Languedocians.

The authors of a *terrible* universal history pretend, that all the Americans are a colony of the Tartars. They assure us, that this is the opinion most generally received among the learned; but do not inform us whether it be among the learned who think for themselves. According to them some descendent of Noah had nothing more at heart than to go and fix his quarters in the delicious country of Kamtschatka, to the north of Siberia. His children having nothing to do, went to visit Canada, either by equipping a fleet for the purpose, or by walking on the ice by way of recreation, along some neck of land, which from that time to the present has never been again discovered. They then began to beget children in Canada, and in a very short time that *beautiful* country, being no longer able to maintain the prodigious number of inhabitants, they went to people Mexico, Peru, and Chili, and their great grand daughters were brought to-bed of giants near the straits of Magellan.

As lions are to be found in some of the hotter climates of America, these authors suppose that the Christopher Columbus's of Kamtschatka carried over some lions to Canada for their diversion.

But the Kamtschatkations were not the only people that furnished the new world with inhabitants; they were charitably assisted by the Tartars of Mantchou; by the Huns, the Chinese, and the Japanese.

The Tartars of Mantchou are incontestably the ancestors of the Peruvians; for Mango Capak was the first Inca of Peru, Mango resembles Manco, Manco Mancu, Mancu Mantachu, and from him, by a small addition, we have Mantchou. Nothing can be better demonstrated.

As to the Huns, they built in Hungary a town that was called Cunadi. Now, by changing cu into ca, we have Canadi, from which Canada evidently derives its name.

A plant resembling the Ginseng of the Chinese grows in Canada, therefore the Chinese carried it thither, even before they were masters of that part of Chinese Tartary where their Ginseng is produced; and besides the Chinese are such great sailors, that they formerly sent fleets to America, without preserving the least correspondence with their colonies.

With regard to the Japanese, as they lie nearest to America, from which they are distant only about twelve hundred leagues, they must certainly have been there in former times; but they afterwards neglected that voyage.

Such are the learned tracts that are boldly ushered into the world in the present age. What answer can we give to these systems, and to so many others of the like nature?—None.

FOR BALTIMORE,

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Newport, Dec. 16, 1784.

Will sail for NORTH-CAROLINA,

On Wednesday next, Wind and Weather permitting,

The SLOOP SALLY,

Now lying at Mr. Ethan Clark's Wharf. Any Person wanting to freight or a Passage, may apply at his Store on said Wharf, or to Capt. Oldham, on board.

Newport, Dec. 18, 1784.

TWENTY DOLLARS Reward

RAN away, from the Subscriber, the 4th inst. a Negro Man, named SIPPEO, Twenty six Years old, about Five Feet Ten Inches high very black Complexion—Had on when he went away, a felt Hat bound a Sheep's grey Great Coat, ditto Coat and Breeches Whoever will take up said Negro, and return him to the Subscriber, shall be paid the above Reward by LATHAM HULL.

Stonington, December 8, 1784.

ALL Persons having any Demands against the Estate of STUKELY WESTCUTT, late of North-Kingstown, deceased, are desired to bring them in: And all those indebted to said Estate are requested to make immediate Payment, to

MARY WESTCUTT, Administratrix.

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Just imported in the Washington, Capt. Smith, and to be sold, by

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WHOLESALE and RETAIL,

At his Store, in Thames-street, No. 269.

BROADCLOTHS,
Forest ditto,
Kerseys,
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State of Rhode-Island and Providence Plantations.

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BE *it Ordained by the Mayor, Aldermen and Common Council, in City Council assembled, and by their Authority it is ordained,* That for the future no Person whatsoever shall presume to ride on horseback within the Posts placed on the Sides of the Streets in this City, upon the Penalty of forfeiting the Sum of Six Shillings, Lawful Money, for every Offence; to be recovered on Complaint and Proof made before either of the Wardens of this City, and paid into the City Treasury for the Use of the Poor: And that this Ordinance shall be published three Weeks successively in the Newport Mercury.

A true Copy:
Witness,
J. GRELEA, *Clerk.*

An Extract from the State Law for preventing excessive riding in any of the Streets of this City.

"IF any Person shall ride faster than a common travelling Pace in any of the Streets of Newport, such Person shall pay as a Fine the Sum "of Ten Shillings for every Offence; one Half "thereof to the Informer, and the other Half to "and for the Use of the Poor, unless justifiable "Cause for such riding shall be made appear."

Published by Order of the City Council:
Witness,
J. GRELEA, *Clerk.*

Thomas Howland

HATH received by the Washington, Capt. Smith, a general Assortment of DRY GOODS, suitable for the present and approaching Season, which he will sell on such low Terms as must give Satisfaction; and will assure the Public, that those who are not acquainted with the Price of Goods, may rely on being served at his Shop, on as good Terms as the very best Judges.

He returns his best Thanks to those who have favoured him with their Custom, and begs Leave to assure them, that his utmost Endeavours will be to merit a Continuance of their Favours.

George Gibbs

HAS just received in the Washington, Capt. Smith, a very large Supply of Fall and Winter GOODS of every Kind, which he is now selling, at his Store next Northward of his Dwelling-House—The above, added to those he was before furnished with, makes his Assortment as complete as can be imported.

Newport, October 22, 1784.

State of Rhode-Island and Providence Plantations.

THE Subscribers being by the Hon. General Assembly appointed a Committee to adjust, and final Settlement make of all the Demands against the Estates of Joseph Wanton, jun. and William Wanton, late of Newport, in the County of Newport, Merchants, Absentees, do hereby give Notice, that they will meet for that Purpose at the House of Mr. John Lawton, in the City of Newport, on the First Day of January next, the Creditors to said Estates are desired to leave their respective Demands in writing with Mr. Daniel Mason, in Newport, previous to said Time affixed; those Persons who neglect to attend upon said Committee, with their respective Vouchers will be forever after excluded from taking any Benefit from said Estates.

ESECK HOPKINS,
DANIEL MASON,
NATHAN MILLER,
BENJAMIN ARNOLD,
R. J. HELME.

Nov. 1, 1784.